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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. W. Marvin Watson
The White House

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1. This memorandum is for your background information only. It is designed to provide you with a summary of assessment data submitted by Central Intelligence Agency officers during their informal contact with [REDACTED] from 1951 through 1966.

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2. Statements consistently include the information that, while this Agency has no firm evidence of violation of Swiss or United States laws by [REDACTED] or of other activities inimical to our interests, he is regarded as an unethical person who operates up to the limits of legality. It has not been demonstrated that he proceeds beyond that point.

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3. [REDACTED] appears to be an opportunist who has maintained contact with this Agency for the purpose of protecting his United States citizenship. He makes a special point of trying to be on the right side of United States officialdom and likes to have this type of insurance.

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4. This Agency has consistently refused to allow a close relationship with [REDACTED] to develop because his discretion is the subject of much concern. He is extremely shrewd and, it is believed that, were he to get into difficulties in Europe because of his shady dealings, he would not be above revealing his connections with American intelligence to protect himself. He has a propensity for dropping names, which precludes the development of a close, trusting, covert relationship.

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Richard Helms
Director

Attachment - Memo on subject

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